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MAIL STOP RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed October 21, 2005, in the above-referenced patent application. Applicant submits a Request for Continued Examination and this Preliminary Amendment. Applicant requests reconsideration of the application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.